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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Golf ~~A metal golf clubhead (1)~~  
~~made from metal,~~ having a strike face (2) which has a loft angle  
 $\alpha$  of greater than  $45^\circ$ , said strike (2) face having ~~has a~~  
plurality of parallel, substantially horizontal grooves (10),  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ the strike face (2) has a surface  
roughness Ra of less than 0.25 micrometre, and ~~in that the a~~  
Vickers hardness of the strike face (2) is greater than 5  
GigaPascal.

2. (Currently Amended) Golf ~~The golf clubhead~~ according  
to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the surface roughness  
Ra of the strike face (2) is less than 0.15 micrometre.

3. (Currently Amended) Golf ~~The golf clubhead~~ according  
to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the strike face (2) is  
~~made from maraging steel.~~

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4. (Currently Amended) ~~Golf~~ The golf clubhead according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strike face (2) ~~is made from a ceramic composition.~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Golf~~ The golf clubhead according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ceramic composition is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of silicon carbide, boron carbide, titanium carbide, zirconia, alumina, and ~~a combination of the above material combinations thereof.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Golf~~ The golf clubhead according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the Vickers hardness of the strike face (2) ~~is greater than 12 GigaPascal.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Golf~~ The golf clubhead according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the surface roughness Ra of the strike face ~~decreases along the height of the strike face (2)~~ is greater at the bottom of the strike face than at the top thereof.